

## 7. REVISED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

REPORT OF: DIVISIONAL LEADER FOR PLANNING AND ECONOMY  
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Key Decision Yes  
Report to: Cabinet  
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### Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is for Cabinet to consider approving a revised and updated Local Development Scheme.

### Summary

2. Cabinet approved the current Local Development Scheme in September 2016. This version is now out of date as the Examination into the District Plan has taken place over a longer time period than was previously anticipated. At the most recent Examination hearing, which took place on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Inspector advised the Council to proceed to adoption of the District Plan. The Council has also committed to starting preparation of a Site Allocations DPD in 2017, with adoption of this Plan anticipated in 2020.
3. The LDS therefore needs to be updated to reflect the revised programme for adoption of the District Plan, and the programme for preparation of a Site Allocations DPD.
4. In order to comply with the procedures set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended, the Council is required to prepare and maintain a Local Development Scheme. Under the Council's constitution, the Cabinet's approval is required to bring a new Scheme into effect.

### Recommendation

5. **Cabinet is recommended to approve the revised Local Development Scheme for Mid Sussex to come into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.**
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### Background

6. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local planning authorities to prepare and maintain a project plan for the production of development plan documents such as the District Plan. This document is formally known as the Local Development Scheme.
7. Since the previous LDS was approved in September 2016, the District Plan has been the subject of Examination hearings which have taken place over a number of months, due to the complexities of the issues raised. At the most recent hearing, on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2017, the Inspector advised the Council to proceed towards adoption of the Plan.

8. The Plan makes provision for 876 dwellings per annum to 2023/2024, and for 1,090 dwellings per annum from that time onwards to 2031. At the Examination hearings, the Council committed to start preparation of a Site Allocations DPD, to identify additional sites, to meet the residual amount of housing proposed in the District Plan, alongside allocations in the Neighbourhood Plans.
9. The September 2016 LDS set out a timetable for the preparation of a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule. The timetable for further work on a CIL schedule will be informed by changing policy and regulations.
10. Work will also continue on the Developer Contribution SPD, with the aim of adopting this document early in 2018.
11. The September 2016 LDS also set out a timetable for the preparation of a Traveller Sites Allocations Document. The Mid Sussex Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Assessment does not identify any need for permanent pitches and plots for Gypsies and Travellers and Travelling Showpeople who still travel for the period up to 2031. The Assessment identifies the need to accommodate 23 households for settled Gypsies and Travellers for the period up to 2031. The Council has identified a number of potential options for delivery of traveller sites to meet the need in the next five years. The Council will review the need to prepare a Traveller Sites Allocations Document, once the work on options has been confirmed.

### **Local Development Scheme**

12. The timetables for the adoption of the District Plan and the preparation of a Site Allocations Document are set out in the revised Local Development Scheme which is attached at **Appendix 1**.
13. The first section of the Local Development Scheme explains which documents the Council has already adopted as part of its Local Plan. It then sets out the documents that the Council is currently preparing. The final section of the Local Development Scheme sets out a risk assessment, which identifies issues that may impact on the Council's ability to prepare the Development Plan Documents in accordance with the stated timetable.
14. In order to comply with planning legislation, the Council needs to approve the Local Development Scheme and to state when it will come into effect. It is recommended that the revised Local Development Scheme will come into effect on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

### **Policy Context**

15. The Corporate Plan and Budget for 2016/2017 states that a key objective for the Planning Policy and Economic Development business unit is to adopt the District Plan during 2017/2018.

### **Other Options Considered**

16. The Council is required by planning legislation to have a Local Development Scheme in place to ensure that the public and interested parties are aware of when they can expect to be involved in the plan preparation process.

### **Financial Implications**

17. This report does not give rise to any direct financial implications.

### **Risk Management Implications**

18. The Corporate Plan notes that, in terms of income budgets, Development Management income has grown because of the delay to the adoption of the District Plan. It is expected that the Development Management income will reduce when the Plan is successfully adopted.

### **Equality and Customer Service implications**

19. Equality Impact Assessments will be produced alongside the District Plan, and the Site Allocations Document.

### **Other Material Implications**

20. No other material implications have been identified as arising from this report.

### **Background Papers**

21. There are no relevant papers.

### **Appendix 1**

1. Local Development Scheme – October 2017